

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method to create within a computer system, an association between the appearance of a physical token memento object and one or more stored files, said method comprising the steps of:

measuring said appearance physical parameters of said physical token memento object;

creating a token identity from the obtained measurements which token identity is based on abstract consistent and repeatable measurements without requiring recognition of specific elements of the object being measured;

storing said electronic identity in an identity store; and

associating said one or more stored files with said token identity.

2. (Currently Amended) A method to create within a computer system, an association between the appearance a physical token memento object and information of the location of one or more files, said method comprising the steps of:

measuring said appearance physical parameters of said physical token memento object;

creating a token identity from the obtained measurements which token identity is based on abstract consistent and repeatable measurements without requiring recognition of specific elements of the object being measured; and

storing said electronic identity in an identity store; and
associating said token identity with said information of the location of one or more files.

3. (Currently Amended) A method to retrieve one or more stored files within a computer system, by use of a stored token identity created from measuring ~~the appearance~~physical parameters of a physical token memento object, where said token identity is associated with said one or more stored files, which token identity is based on abstract consistent and repeatable measurements without requiring recognition of specific elements of the object being measured, said method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

creating a subsequent identity for said token by again measuring said appearance ~~again~~physical parameters of said token;

searching ~~for~~between a match for said subsequent identity ~~with~~and said token identity; and

upon the location of a match, retrieving said one or more stored files which are associated with said stored token identity.

4. (Currently Amended) A method to create within a computer system, an association between ~~the appearance~~physical parameters of a physical token memento

object and one or more stored files for the purpose of retrieving and presenting said one or more stored files, said method comprising the steps of:

measuring said appearancephysical parameters of said token;

creating a token identity from the obtained measurements which token identity is based on abstract consistent and repeatable measurements without requiring recognition of specific elements of the object being measured;

storing said token identity in an identity store;

associating within said computer system, said stored file with said token identity;

subsequently measuring said appearancephysical parameters of said token;

creating a subsequent identity for said token using subsequent measurement data obtained from said subsequent measurement;

searching in said identity store for a match with said subsequent identity;

upon the location of a match, retrieving said one or more stored files; and

presenting said retrieved file to a user.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said appearanceparameters of said token iscomprise the size and/or shape and/or colourcolor of said token.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said token identity is created from measurements of said appearanceparameters and one or more other physical characteristics of said token.

7. (Original) A method according claim 6, wherein a measurement of the weight of said token is used in the creation of said token identity.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein measurement data of said ~~appearance~~parameters and/or one or more other physical characteristics of is ~~prioritised~~prioritized in the creation of said token identity, by ascribing to each a value relative to each other.

9. (Currently Amended) Apparatus to create within a computer system, an association between the appearance a physical token memento object and one or more stored files said apparatus comprising:

measuring means by which ~~said appearance~~physical parameters of said token can ~~be~~ are measured;

processing means to create a token identity from measurement; data obtained by said measuring means, which token identity is based on abstract consistent and repeatable measurements without requiring recognition of specific elements of the object being measured;

an identity store to store said token identity;

a file store to store said one or more files; and

means to associate said token identity and said files.

10. (Currently Amended) Apparatus to create within a computer system, an association between the appearance a physical token memento object and information of the location of one or more files, said apparatus comprising:

measuring means by which the appearancephysical parameters of said token isare measured;

processing means to create a token identity from measurement data obtained by said measuring means, which token identity is based on abstract consistent and repeatable measurements without requiring recognition of specific elements of the object being measured;

an identity store to store said token identity;

a location information store to store said file location information; and

means to associate said token identity and said file location information.

11. (Currently Amended) Apparatus to retrieve within a computer system, one or more stored files by use of a token identity created from measuring the appearancephysical parameters of a physical token memento object, where said token identity is associated with said one or more stored files, said apparatus comprising:

measuring means by which said appearancephysical parameters of said token isare measured;

means to create a subsequent identity for said token from measurement data obtained from said measuring means, which token identity is based on abstract consistent and repeatable measurements without requiring recognition of specific elements of the object being measured;

means to search for a match for said subsequent identity with said token identity; and

means to retrieve said one or more stored files, based on the identification of a match or a partial match between said subsequent identity and said token identity.

12. (Currently Amended) Apparatus to create within a computer system, an association between a physical token memento object and a stored file for the purpose of retrieving and presenting said stored file, said apparatus comprising:

measuring means by which ~~the appearance~~physical parameters of said token ~~is~~ are measured on the first and subsequent occasions;

processing means to create a token identity and a subsequent identity from measurement data obtained from said measuring mean, which token identity is based on abstract consistent and repeatable measurements without requiring recognition of specific elements of the object being measured;

an identity store to store said token identity;

a file store to store said files;

means to associate said token identity and said files;

searching means to find a match with said subsequent identity in said identity store;

means to retrieve files associated with said token identity, based on the identification of a match or a partial match between said subsequent identity and said token identity; and

presentation means by which said retrieved files are presented to a user

13. (Currently Amended) Apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said processing means performs the ~~task or~~ tasks of:

creating a token identity and/or subsequent identity;

~~and~~ associating said token identity with said one or more files; ~~and/or~~

searching to find a match with said subsequent identity; and/or

retrieving said one or more files.

14. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 9, further including means to control the measuring environment.

15. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said control means is a light source.

16. (Previously Presented) Apparatus according to claim 9 taking a unitary form.